

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 10608 Agenda Number 106.

Meeting Date: 11/10/2011 Department: Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Section 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and consider a resolution authorizing the use of the Town Lake Animal Center site at 1156 West Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas, which is located on dedicated parkland known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Park, for animal adoption purposes in connection with the City of Austin's No Kill Implementation Plan, for a period not to exceed 18 months.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 23, 2011 – Council Approved Resolution No. 20110623-096.
For More Information:	Junie Plummer 974-7085; Sara Hensley 974-6700; Abigail Smith 972-6088; Lauraine Rizer 974-7078; Amanda Glasscock 974-7173.
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on October 25, 2011.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

On June 23, 2011 the City Council approved the temporary operation of an adoption center at the current Town Lake Animal Center site. Austin Pets Alive will temporarily operate and maintain the site to assist the City of Austin No-Kill Implementation Plan's goals. Austin Pets Alive will pay all costs associated with the operations and maintenance of the site with the exception of electric, water and wastewater utility costs, which the City will pay during the first 12 months of the license only.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland, and all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such land has occurred. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are October 16, 23 & 30, 2011.